Petitions against Home Rule.

LEINSTER, MUNSTER AND CONNAUGHT.

It is commonly alleged by Gladstonians that the loyal minority in Ireland are all, or nearly all, resident in the Province of Ulster. This is grossly untrue.

You will see from the figures given below that 127,292 residents in the three Southern Provinces of Ireland have petitioned Parliament against the Home Rule Bill of 1893.

You will also see from the same statistics that Unionism in the three Southern Provinces is far stronger and more popular now than it was seven years ago; since it appears that five times as many people have signed Petitions against the Bill of 1893 as against the Bill of 1886.

	1893.	1886.		1893.	1886.
Carlow ...	2588	Nil.	Louth ...	2424	Nil.
Clare ...	1300	Nil.	Mayo ...	1828	Nil.
Cork ...	16437	11832	Meath ...	3043	1845
Dublin City and County	45900	2246	Queen's Co. ...	4362	Nil.
Galway ...	3391	Nil.	Roscommon ...	1719	747
Kerry ...	2302	63	Sligo ...	4224	854
Kildare ...	3427	84	Tipperary ...	4518	1044
Kilkenny ...	2165	572	Waterford ...	2460	Nil.
King's Co. ...	3066	458	Westmeath ...	2244	100
Leitrim ...	3859	105	Wexford ...	4818	6515
Limerick ...	3421	50	Wicklow ...	6059	
Longford ...	1737	248		127292	26763

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BE SURE OF YOUR FACTS!

Here are a few Specimens of Gladstonian accuracy.

I.—MR. GLADSTONE

Made the following statement to the Deputation from Belfast Chamber of Commerce, March 28th, 1893—

"While the Civil Government of Ireland cost £1 per head, the Civil Government of Great Britain cost a little more than 10s."—*Irish Times*, March 29th.

WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

That "the Civil expenditure of Great Britain is 19s. 2d. per head, and that of Ireland £1 4s."—(Reply of Belfast Chamber of Commerce, *Irish Times*, April 12th.)

II.—MR. DAVITT

Made the following statement to the House of Commons, April 11th, 1893—

"The census of 1891 shows that there are 870,000 inhabited houses in Ireland, and out of these there are no less than 300,000, or *over thirty-six* per cent., built mostly of mud."—*Freeman's Journal*, April 12th.

WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

That "the census return shows that there are 20,000 houses, or *two* per cent. of the inhabited buildings, 'built mostly of mud or other perishable material.'"—Mr. Goschen, House of Commons, April 17th, 1893.—*Irish Times*. April 18th.

III.—"THE DAILY NEWS"

Made the following statement in its leading article (criticizing Mr. Chamberlain's arithmetic!) of April 4th, 1893—

"This would be still more interesting if we were not all in possession of a religious census for Ireland. But we are: and according to the information thus furnished, the Catholics are four millions and a half."

WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

That, according to the census returns for 1891, the Roman Catholic population of Ireland numbers 3,547,307.